

# PRESIDENT WILSON TO HEAD THE U. S. PEACE DELEGATION

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It was recalled the president's announcement that he would go to France "for the purpose of taking part in the discussion and settlement of the main features of the treaty of peace" said that it was not likely that he would be accompanied by delegates who will sit as the representatives of the United States throughout the conference.

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It was explained that it had not been possible to announce these appointments before because the number of representatives of each of the chief belligerents was to be decided only a day or two ago under discussion.

White House officials would add nothing to the formal statement and no one professing to be in the confidence of the president would talk. There was only one surprise in the statement: the appearance of the name of General Bliss as one of the representatives.

It had been taken for granted that the general military representative of the United States at the peace conference would be attached to the delegation in a military capacity, just as Admiral Benson probably will be present as naval representative.

Only yesterday callers at the White House gained the distinct impression that there would be but three accredited delegates of full rank. It was suggested tonight that the name of General Bliss probably was added at the last moment.

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## Cabled Paragraphs

King of Italy to Visit Paris. Paris, Nov. 29.—(Havas). King Victor Emmanuel of Italy will visit Paris in December, according to an announcement made here today.

## TESTIMONY IN ANTHRACITE COAL INVESTIGATION

Washington, Nov. 29.—Witnesses before the senate coal investigating committee today told why the coal administration opposed Mayor Hylan's plan for municipal coal yards in New York city this winter and of difficulties surrounding increased production of anthracite through the opening of new mines or those not now being worked.

Delos W. Cooke, New York fuel administrator, testified that Mayor Hylan's proposal for municipal coal yards would seriously interfere with the administration's plans for the mine and the result would be an increase in the price of coal.

William Griffith, of West Pittston, Pa., testified that the coal committee that increase in anthracite production virtually is impossible now because new mines must be run at a loss.

Repeating to a question by Senator Kenyon, Mr. Griffith said he did not believe government operation of the mine would result in any increase in output.

Inquiry will be continued tomorrow with President W. J. Richards, of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal Company, as one of the witnesses.

## STORIES OF AMAZING CHANGES IN GERMANY

Berne, Switzerland, Nov. 27.—(By The A. P.)—The amazing changes in Germany, especially to those who know the stern system of former days, are illustrated by many stories brought to Switzerland from Germany by travelers.

A Dutch diplomatic courier tells of his trip after the breakup of the empire. He was unable to get further than Cologne because there was no room in the railway trains.

On the train the courier found a general at a table. Soon three common soldiers took off their hats and seated themselves at the general's table. Without saluting or even noticing the general, they began to eat.

Another new arrival in Switzerland is a Russian from Odessa who entered Germany by way of Breslau. He was worried by the lack of food and the lack of money.

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## Germany Must Pay N. Y. Hotels to Ignore War Cost to Capacity

Assertion Made By David Lloyd George, British Prime Minister.

London, Nov. 29.—(British Wireless Service). David Lloyd George, the British prime minister, in a speech at Newcastle today, said the victory of the entente allies had been due to the ceaseless valor of their men, and that it would be a lesson to anybody who in the future thought that they, as the Prussian war lords hoped, "could overlook this little island in their reckoning."

"We are now approaching the peace conference," the premier continued. "The price of victory is not vengeance nor retribution. It is prevention. First of all, what about those people whom we have helped with our money and our arms, to whom we have given equal rights with our own sons and daughters, and who abused that hospitality to their own ends?"

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## Condensed Telegrams

Officers' training schools close Feb. 15. British troops marched through Lyons, France, will hold a world's fair in March next.

Three Anaconda mines were closed owing to engine trouble. Paris does not expect the peace treaty will be signed before April.

Tokio will hold a \$2,000,000 exposition next spring to celebrate peace. American residents in Japan purchased \$800,000 of the Fourth Liberty Loan.

The Emergency Fleet Corporation will cancel contracts for 150 wooden vessels. Representatives of various railroads filed applications for increase in class and commodity rates.

The condition of Major Willard D. Straight, who is ill with pneumonia in Paris, is reported improving. French government is considering plans for building an international railway from Bordeaux to Odessa.

It is estimated that 10,000 American troops have married French girls during the occupation by boys in khaki. Nine persons are turkey and flocks in a giant Handley-Page bombing plane 2,500 feet over Elizabeth, N. J.

A Dutch citizen, returned to Holland from Germany, predicts there will be a counter revolution for the Kaiser's cause.

A Philadelphia messenger boy carried the yellow sheet to his mother notifying her that another son had died in battle.

Count Theodore Batthyany, Hungarian Minister of the Interior, resigned because of conflicts with the Socialists.

Dr. Silvio Crespi, Italian Food Administrator, said in the Chamber of Deputies that Italy places hope in Hoover meeting for food.

Chilean government wants England to turn over dreadnoughts under construction at the beginning of the war for Chile and England over Mr. Johnston.

The new Hungarian suffrage law gives the ballot to all men 21 years old and all women 36 years old, providing they lived in Hungary for six years.

The names of seven more enlisted men lost in the sinking of the transport Oregon, a foreign steamer Oct. 19, were announced by the War Department.

It was confirmed by the Baldwin Locomotive Works that the Baldwin Locomotive Works had cancelled the order for 1,500 Pershing locomotives.

Viscount Buxton, governor-general of South Africa, said that the number of deaths from influenza among Europeans and natives of South Africa was estimated at 50,000.

Prince Antoine Gaston Phillip, of Bourbon-Orleans, grand son of King Louis Phillip of France, has died in a military hospital from injuries sustained in the fall of an airplane.

Brigadier General E. V. Johnston, whose name appears in the casualty list as severely wounded, is in command of the 15th Brigade of Infantry of the 7th Division.

TO BREAK UP OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS JAN. 1ST. Washington, Nov. 29.—The complete demobilization of the Student Officers' Training Corps is being hastened.

More than 500 institutions, with a student enrollment of 163,000, were included in the Student Army Training Corps. This organization was authorized in the last army bill and its purpose was to furnish a reservoir of officer material upon which the army could draw.

The corps was divided into two sections, the Collegiate and Vocational, the latter being designed to train specialists for the army. Contracts were entered into between each institution and the government under which the colleges and universities were to be reimbursed for the additional expenses necessitated by the organization of the new unit.

The S. A. T. C. as it was of late termed, was organized by Dr. Charles R. Munn, dean of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The military features were controlled by a body of army officers headed by Brigadier General Robert L. Reese in charge.

RELATIVES NOT PERMITTED TO MEET TRANSPORTS. New York, Nov. 29.—Relatives and friends of the first army train now returning from England will not be permitted to meet the transports when they reach Hoboken, according to a statement made by Brigadier General G. H. McManus, embarkation officer at the port of New York, at a conference here today with newspaper men. He did not state whether this policy would apply to other troops returning later to America.

While accredited newspaper men may board the ships, he said, the public would not be allowed on the piers, first because of the congestion that would result, and second, because of a desire to safeguard public health by making possible a physical examination of the soldiers before they were welcomed by their relatives. In order to make sure they had contracted no illness on the voyage.

The first contingent to return, comprising chiefly men in the air service, will proceed directly from the docks to the camps at which they will be examined and discharged, according to Brigadier General McManus. He added that army navy and customs officials had been deluged with letters from relatives of the men in service, asking whether they would be allowed on the piers when the transports docked.

TO INVESTIGATE FACILITIES OF ALL MUNITION PLANTS. (Special to The Bulletin.) Washington, Nov. 29.—The ordnance department has completed plans for a system of three committees to investigate facilities of arsenals and munitions plants both for manufacture and repair work. These committees will be three in number and each composed of three high ordnance officials, who will investigate all conditions at arsenals and army and munition works, and report their findings to a newly created board of which General John T. Thompson is the head. A board will also be organized to review and report on the subject of all ordnance post war requirements.

MAJOR WELLDON REVIEWED YALE ARMY TRAINING CORPS. New Haven, Nov. 29.—The Students Army Training Corps at Yale University had its only formal review today when the student soldiers and their officers were inspected on the Central Green by Major Samuel A. Welldon, commander. Nearly 1,500 members of the military and naval branches were on parade. Demobilization of the S. A. T. C. will be well under way by the end of the month and will be completed by December 21.

## LARGE WAR CONTRACTS ARE IN JEOPARDY

Comptroller Warwick of the Treasury Decides That Thousands of Orders Placed by Telegram, Telephone or Mail Are Not Legally Binding—Plan is Under Consideration to Terminate Contracts by Making Some Sort of a Lump Sum Payment to the Contractors.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The government's maturing program for cancelling big war orders with the minimum of disturbance to business conditions was today in contract on the way by a decision of Comptroller Warwick of the treasury that thousands of orders placed by telegram, telephone or mail are not legally binding, and that consequently they may not be recognized through the negotiation of terminating contracts without special legislation by congress.

It is estimated that hundreds of millions of dollars in contracts are involved. At the same time, Secretary Baker announced that he would be releasing the government's war contracts, whether containing termination clauses or not, on terms more favorable to the government than are contained in the proposed forms. It is possible that some may be willing to terminate existing contracts on the basis of payment for what is delivered before termination.

The comptroller also said that "the making of the supplemental agreement and the simple certifying to a minimum amount by the contracting officer upon the statement and estimate of the contractor will not be sufficient nor conclusive upon the accounting officer." The supplemental agreement cannot be permitted to impose a liability upon the government where none theretofore existed.

Thousands of contracts have been signed in this way by proxies of the army officers daily authorized by the secretary of war. The name of the officer in these cases was typewritten to the business plan and a minor officer actually signed on behalf of the authorized contracting officer. The only documents many manufacturers have are the business plan and a letter of instructions from the contractor to the government for war materials, at certain prices, or on the basis of a reaching a certain production.

The comptroller also found other faults with the proposed contract, as much as it failed to reserve to the government rights to recover overpayments, or to credit the value of materials remaining property of the contractor.

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